

educate citizens and encourage political and civic participation in the United States and abroad. Since its creation, the Institute has hosted hundreds of State and local leaders and international visitors and helped many new American citizens celebrate at five naturalization ceremonies. Every 4 years, Saint Anselm College becomes a main setting for national politics when it hosts numerous activities surrounding the presidential primaries.

Father Jonathan has also made service a priority for his students. Today, the college's student-led Meelia Center for Student Engagement manages more than 40 partnerships with New Hampshire non-profits, such as the Big Brother/Big Sister program. Father Jonathan built on that work by founding the State version of Campus Compact, a national initiative that works in cooperation with private sector partners to incorporate community service into college curriculum. Campus Compact New Hampshire is made up of 23 college and university member institutions in the state.

Father Jonathan has given back to the State by serving as chair of both the New Hampshire Colleges and University Council and the New Hampshire Higher Education Commission. He was a founding member of New Hampshire's Forum on Higher Education and, most recently, was appointed by Governor John Lynch to serve as director of the New England Board of Higher Education.

Throughout his tenure, Father Jonathan's commitment to higher learning has been a valuable asset to New Hampshire. With community service and civic engagement as cornerstones of his presidency, Father Jonathan has created a lasting and significant connection between the State of New Hampshire and the Saint Anselm College community.

I thank Father Jonathan for his service and his commitment to improving higher education in New Hampshire.●

TRIBUTE TO CAMERON LYLE

● Mrs. SHAHEEN. Mr. President, today I wish to honor the tremendous selflessness and compassion demonstrated by Cameron Lyle of Plaistow, NH. Cameron is completing his senior year at the University of New Hampshire, UNH, and is a 4-year member of the school's track and field team. He elected to forgo his final two meets in order to donate bone marrow to a complete stranger who is battling acute lymphoblastic leukemia.

Cameron Lyle is a graduate of Timberlane Regional High School and a standout thrower on UNH's track and field squad. He is a member of the National Marrow Donor Program's Be The Match Registry, which he joined as a sophomore along with many of his fellow UNH athletes by completing the mouth swabbing process that is the initial step in registering to serve as a potential bone marrow donor. Nearly 2

years later, Cameron received a call informing him that he was identified as a potential match for a 28-year-old man diagnosed with blood cancer. After additional testing, it was confirmed that despite incredibly small odds, Cameron's marrow was a match. Without hesitation, Cameron decided that he would give up participating in the final track and field meets of his senior year to potentially save another man's life.

The story of Cameron and the anonymous recipient of his bone marrow demonstrate the importance of bone marrow registries such as the National Marrow Donor Program's Be The Match Registry. These organizations can provide a critical lifeline for those individuals suffering from immune system, genetic or blood disorders. In addition, bone marrow donor registries serve as a place where patients afflicted with these terrible diseases can turn in hopes of receiving a transplant. While these disorders can be fatal, bone marrow registries give patients the hope of finding a lifesaving donor.

Cameron's decision truly demonstrates the strength of his character, but perhaps most importantly, his selfless act will undoubtedly never be forgotten by the man who received another chance at life. I know that residents of New Hampshire are extremely proud of Cameron and admire him for making such an important choice.

Once again, I would like to recognize and thank Cameron Lyle for making such a powerful and life changing decision for both himself and the recipient of his bone marrow. I commend Cameron's family, friends and the UNH and Plaistow communities for the support they have shown him in the weeks before and since his surgery. His story is truly memorable.●

20TH ANNIVERSARY TRIBUTE TO THE COLORADO STATE VETERANS NURSING HOME

● Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. President, today I wish to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Colorado State Veterans Home in Walsenburg. For 20 years, this home has provided exceptional care to veterans and their spouses from all over the United States.

Built in 1993, the Colorado State Veterans Home is southern Colorado's newest nursing home for veterans and the only nursing home physically connected to a community hospital. Residents in Walsenburg have access to a Special Care Unit, which provides services for residents with dementia, Alzheimer's, Huntington's and/or Parkinson's diseases, and a family outpatient clinic, all on the health center's grounds. Furthermore, following a major renovation funded by the Department of Veterans Affairs in 2011, the veterans home now boasts expanded kitchen areas, outdoor gardens and recreational space, as well as views of nearby mountains and lakes in every resident's room. These improvements

have created modern and bright living accommodations that take full advantage of Colorado's natural beauty and ensure the comfort of our veterans.

With 115 residents, everyday life at the Colorado State Veterans Home is filled with the stories from our Nation's heroes. Rich, a veteran who, with his wife, has resided at Walsenburg for 3 years, was a B-17 commander flying 34 successful sorties over Germany and France during WWII. On his 35th sortie he and his crew went down as the result of enemy fire. His story makes Rich a favorite among visiting airmen, and it is only one among many.

While we will never be able to repay our heroic servicemembers for the sacrifices they have made in the line of duty, it should be our top priority to make their lives back home as pleasant and comfortable as possible. The services, staff, and stunning location of the Colorado State Veterans Home in Walsenburg uphold our commitment to keep that promise to these individuals and their loved ones.

On behalf of a grateful nation, I thank the staff at Spanish Peaks Regional Health Center, the Colorado State Veterans Home, and the Federal employees at the VA for their commitment to serving our Nation's heroes, and I offer them congratulations on the occasion of the Colorado State Veterans Home's 20th anniversary.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Pate, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 12:29 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1406. An act to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide compensatory time for employees in the private sector.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The President pro tempore (Mr. LEAHY) reported that he had signed the following enrolled bill, which was previously signed by the Speaker of the House:

H.R. 1071. An act to specify the size of the precious-metal blanks that will be used in